above parameters and are continuing with violence. The Government of India is against all manifestations of violence.

Infectious Diseases

62. DR. M.P. JAISWAL : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether infectious disease which were supposed to have been eradicated are threatening to strike back again in much more severe and fatal forms;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the precautionary mearures taken/being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) and (b). The gradual change in econogical conditions resulting from developmental activities, coupled with emergence of drug resistant strains of parasites have led to the resurgence of infectious diseases like malaria kala-azar and Japanese encephalitis.

(c) A National Apical Advisory Committee (NAAC) has been constituted under the Chairmanship of Union Health Secretary to formulate a nation wide disease surveillance network. The action points envisaged under the disease surveillance scheme are collection and flow of information, strengthening of laboratory diagnostic services, networking of centres and continuous monitoring of disease prevalence.

[Translation]

Freedom Fighter Pension

63 SHRI LALIT ORAON :
SHRI MOHAN RAWALE :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state

(a) the number of cases of Bihar and Maharashtra States "Swatantrata Senani Samman Pension" scheme lying pending with the Central Government which were duly recommended and sent by the State Governments; and

(b) the time by which these applications are likely to be disposed of?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA) (a) and (b) All the claims for grant of freedom fighters pension received through State Govts. of Bihar & Maharashtra have already been examined and suitable communication in each case has been sent. However, aggrieved with the decision of the Government regarding rejection of the claims because of their not satisfying one or the other eligibility conditions, the applicatns keep on sending review petitions/representations for reconsideration of their claims. As examination and disposal of such review petitions is a continuous process, it is difficult to lay down any definite time schedule for their disposal.

Mother Dairy Milk Prices

64. SHRI PRABHU DAYAL KATHERIA : Will the Minister of ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING be pleased to state :

(a) whether there was a steep hike in the price of toned milk being supplied by the Mother Dairy recently;

(b) if so, the extent of hike made in the prices thereof alongwith reasons therefor; and

(c) the number of times the prices were hiked during the last six months indicating the extent of hike made in the prices each time?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH) (a) to (c) Mother Dairy increased the consumer price of toned milk w.e.f. 8.5.96 as under :

Consumer Price of Toned Milk per litre

	Prior to Revision	After Revision
Through bulk vending	Rs. 9/-	Rs. 11/-
In polypacks	Rs. 10/-	Rs. 12

The price increase was on account of higher prices being paid to farmers for the procurement of raw milk from them. The immediate previous price revision of toned milk was effected in May, 95. The price of full cream milk was increased from Rs. 14 to Rs. 15 w.e.f. 15.2.1996.

[English]

Waiting List for Telephones

65. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state

(a) the number of applicants in the waiting list for telephones in Allahabad district under each of the categories as on April 1, 1996, and

(b) the number of connections under each of the categories that are likely to be given during 1996-97?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) The number of applicants in the waiting list as on 01.04.1996 for telephones in Allahabad District category wise is given below :

OYT (G)	N-OYT (G)	N-OYT (S)
16	2611	41

(b) All the connections under each of the categories mentioned in (a) are likely to be given during 1996-97.

[Translation]

Sugarcane Growers

66. SHRI SATYAIDEO SINGH : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware of the difficulties presently faced by the sugarcane growers in the country,

(b) if so, the policy of the Union Government to assist the sugarcane growers,

(c) whether sugarcane growers have to burn their crop this year since sugar mills refused to litt their product and if so, the loss caused to farmers and the country as a result thereof, and

(d) the assistance Government rendered to the sugarcane growers in the country?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) Yes, Sir

(b) To assist the sugarcane growers for increasing the productivity, the Government is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Sustainable Development of Sugarcane Based Cropping System Areas (SUBACS) in 21 important sugarcane growing states on the pattern of 75:25 sharing basis between GOI and implementing States. The assistance under the scheme is given for critical inputs, such as, seeds, farm implements, drip irrigation, production technology demonstration farmers' training and strengthening of bio-pesticides and tissue culture units

(c) and (d) There were incidence of burning of Sugarcane crop by farmers in some parts of Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and U P States

In order to render assistance to the sugarcane growers in the matter of clearance of their cane price dues by the sugar factories the following measures have been taken:

(i) Increase in statutory Minimum Price of sugarcane from Rs 39 10 to Rs 42.50 per quintal, linked to a basic recovery of 8 5%.

(ii) Grant of late crushing incentives to sugar factories at 75% on production of sugar achieved between 15.4.1996 and 31.5.96 and 100% on production achieved by crushing cane between 1.6.96 and 30.9.96, as against the normal freesale quota of 60%.

(iii) Creation of 5 lakh tonnes of buffer stock of sugar for a period of 1 year w.e.f. 10.1.96.

(iv) A quantity of 10 Lakh tonnes of freesale sugar has been notified for export.

(v) The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has issued revised guidelines to the banks to enable the sugar factories to draw more credit from the banks.

The concerned Ministry in the Government is being requested to make some inbuilt systems for crushing all the sugarcane so that there is no repetition of burning of Sugarcane.

Agricultural Policy

67. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have accepted the draft Agricultural Policy which was laid on the Table of the House on May 14, 1993; and

(b) if so, the time by which the final Agricultural Policy is likely to be announced?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) and (b). The draft Agriculture Policy which was laid on the Table of the House on May 14, 1993 is under finalization keeping in view the suggestions made by the Members of Parliament and concerned Ministries/Departments of the Government of India

[Translation]

On-Going Power Projects

68. SHRI AMAR PAL SINGH
SHRI PANKAJ CHOWDHARY

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state

(a) the total number of power projects being implemented in India with the foreign assistance,

(b) the present position of each project,

(c) the amount of assistance proposed to be provided for each project,

(d) the number of projects out of them lagging behind,

(e) the reasons therefor; and

(f) the loss likely to the suffered due to delay therein?